

Park Board Minutes

March 22, 2011

Members present:, Katie MacCready, Mike Pinker, Christie Schaeffer, Sherri Dow, Councilor Mike Miller, Ray Harris

Absent: Mart Hughes Joan Young, Kevin Cayson, Bob Cooper

Minutes: February minutes approved, 5-0

Herrigel noted that Ray Harris has been reappointed to the Park Board and Katie MacCready is going off the Board due to term limits. This is MacCready's last meeting.

District Update

Councilor Miller noted that he had attended the District orientation and spoke about Milwaukie's interest in moving our remaining undeveloped parks forward to completion. He said he would raise it again during the budget sessions. He said he felt that by the time the light rail project is done that Kronberg Park needs to have master plan in place. Other comments:

- No District Advisory Board meeting in March due to Spring break. Next meeting is in April
- Noted that he'd seen a booklet on all parks in the County and what stage their development was at. He thought it was very helpful
- Council goals include two goals that pertain to parks: Complete the Riverfront Park by Jan 2013 and Bring forward master plan cost estimates for Balfour, Wichita and Kronberg Parks

Dow asked if there if Miller got any sense that the District was willing to develop these parks.

Miller responded that he didn't get any concrete response yet but felt we needed to keep pushing.

Neighborhood Walk Program

Paul Klein, a Lewelling NDA resident, described a walking program he is trying to get going:

- There are walking clubs in the area – but none here in Milwaukie
- His objective is to help establish a walking club in Milwaukie
- He wants to lead walks through each NDA starting in Ardenwald in April
- First walk is Sunday, April 17 @1:00 – begins at Ardenwald Park
- May will be Hector Campbell NDA (he's doing the NDAs alphabetically)
- He hopes to provide walkers with maps which have info about the NDA and maybe historic photos on the back. He hopes to post these all on a web site as well.
- Walks would be 1-1.5 hours in length
- His contact info is 503-652-8891

Councilor Miller noted that Celebrate Milwaukie Inc. (CMI) sometimes funds projects like this and suggested Paul contact them.

Dow noted it would be good to try to interconnect walks so folks know how to get from one part of town to another safely.

Klein said he would be happy to attend a meeting in a few months to give the group an update.

Park Master Planning/Development

Herrigel noted that the Council and various NDA leaders had recently raised the completion of three remaining undeveloped neighborhood parks in the City. She said she had attended a recent NDA Leadership meeting and walked them through what it would take to complete the master planning, land use approvals, final design and construction for each park.

Beth Kelland, the Co-chair of Linwood NDA addressed the board. She said she had inquired recently as to why Stanley and Wichita Parks were not developed. She found that the City planned to put a water tower (or well?) on one of these sites – but thought it was Stanley. She said she'd just discovered that Wichita had a master plan and is interested in moving that park forward.

The group thanks Kelland for her input and Dow asked Herrigel to look into the status of Monroe Street enhancements to see what the status of that was.

Arbor Day Event Coordination

Herrigel asked the group for their input on an Arbor Day event that the City would like to put on. The group suggested that a presentation on trees in Milwaukie might be interesting. They suggested that it be held at the Pond House on April 29 at 5 PM. After the talk, they suggested a stroll around downtown to see some trees and then they could end at Wine: 30. They agreed that the Wine 30 event would be Katie MacCready's goodbye party as well. (This was her last PARB meeting!)

City Updates

Johnson Creek Confluence Project

- Metro Nature in Neighborhoods grant has been submitted by Johnson Creek Watershed Council (JCWC) and City of Milwaukie to complete Klein Point Overlook and do in water work in Johnson Creek. JCWC has selected Interfluve to manage the in-water project.

North Clackamas Park (Northside plan and In water work)

- Planning Commission hearing will be continued soon (May?). Park Board members encouraged to attend and give testimony on the proposed North side master plan. In-water work proposal for Mt Scott Creek also submitted for a grant from Metro's nature in neighborhoods program by WES.

Riverfront Park

- Power poles to be moved before end of June
- Nature in Neighborhoods funds expected for construction of Klein Point Overlook and northern park area in May. Construction to begin in July.